विज्ञापनों पर किया गया व्यय

1058. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने कि कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान विज्ञापनों पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई; और

(ख) इस अवधि के दौरान विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों को भाषावार कुल कितनी राशि के विज्ञापन दिए गए ?

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(क) और (ख) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Berth Quota at Kanyakumari and Nagercoil Stations

1059. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the quota of Second Class Berths at Kanyakumari and Nagercoil stations in the Jayanthi Janatha Express Train ;

(b) what was the number of such berths at the above stations when the Jayanthi Janatha was first introduced on this sector ;

(c) whether the quota is proposed to be increased to the initial level due to the high demand; and

(d) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The reservation quotas, in Second Class by 1082 Kanyakumari Express for Bombay at Kanyakumari and Nagercoil stations as on date and as on 1-7-84 when the train was extended to Kanyakumari are as under:

	Present quota	As on 1-7-84
Kanyakumari .	8	28
Nagercoil . .	16	16

(c) No, Sir. The existing quota is generally adequate to meet the present level of demand.

(d) Does not arise.

Madras-Nellai Express

1060. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the reason for not speeding up the Madras-Nellai Express which is connecting most of the districts of Tamil Nadu and is also having the longest route in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) by when the needful is likely to be done in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) 6119/6120 Madras Egmore-Tirunelveli Nellai Express is running with its maximum permissible speed and therefore, at present it is not feasible to speed up the train further.

मनमाड औरंगाबाद रेलवे लाइन पर लम्बी दूरी की रेलगाड़ियां चलाना

1061. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने कि कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मनमाड-औरंगाबाद रेल मार्ग को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित करने के पश्चात भी इस मार्ग पर लम्बी दूरी की रेलगाड़ियां आरम्भ नहीं की गई हैं ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार निकट भविष्य में औरंगाबाद से पुणे, मुम्बई, अहमदाबाद दिल्ली और इन्दौर के लिए नई रेलगाड़ियां आरम्भ करने का है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ङ) मनमाड औरंगाबाद खंड के आमान परिवर्तन के बाद बम्बई वी० टी० तक एक रात्रिकालीन एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी तथा पुणें तक एक पैसेंजर गाड़ी चलाने सहित तीन गाड़ियां चलाई गई हैं। इस समय इस खंड पर कोई और गाड़ी चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है क्योंकि औरंगाबाद से आगे आमान परिवर्तन कार्य पहले ही प्रगति पर है। पूरे खंड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान परिवर्तन हो जाने के बाद ही और गाड़ियां चलाने पर विचार किया जाएगा।

Corruption in the Reservation of Train Tickets

1062. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that corrupt practices are adopted during the peak, holiday and summer seasons in the reservation of train tickets ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to overcome these unfair practices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Surprise checks and raids are con-' ducted by the Vigilance organisations of all Zonal Railways including Vigilance Special Squad of Railway Board in the Reservation and Booking Offices located throughout the country to curb such malpractices.

(ii) Special concerted drives to check malpractice's in the Reservation Offices are undertaken atleast twice a year during summer rush, holidays and during Durga Puja/Dussehra/Diwali period.

(iii) Under the Railway Act 1989 the punishment for touts who illegally purchase tickets in fictitious names and later on sell the same to other person, has been substantially increased.

(iv) The penalty (fine)' for passengers who travel on tickets purchased in fictitious name has likewise, been increased from Rs. 250 to Rs. 500.

(v) Public are educated/exhorted through press, television, posters, etc. not to buy tickets from unauthorised persons.

(vi) Checks are conducted in trains to detect passengers travelling on tickets purchased in fictitious names and they arc treated as ticketless passengers.

(vii) The Railway staff found includinr. in malpractices in the matter of reservatior of tickets are taken up severely under Discipline and Appeal Rules.

Scount Group to Aardh Kumbh Mela ai Hardwar

1063. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas ed to state :

(a) Whether the Railway Board Scou Group was sent to Aardh Kumbh Mela a Hardwar recently ;

(b) if so, the number of persons sen alongwith the nature of duties performec and the amount spent each day.

(c) Whether any organisation had invit ed Railway Board Scout Group to thi 'Mela' ;

(d) if so the details thereof and if not the reasons for attending the 'Mela' at it own;

(e) Whether the Railway Board Scou Group had confined itself at Railwa Station ;

(f) Whether no class-T officer of Railwa had ever accompanied the Railway Boar Scouts to any of its tour so far to ovei see their performance ;